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Customer Number 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 7040.0001-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Prior Application Art Unit: 1733 Prior Application Examiner: A. Johnstone

SIR: This is a request for filing a

☐ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-Part ☒ Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 08/951,672 filed October 16, 1997 of Romano GUERMANDI for IMPROVED-PERFORMANCE TYRE AND RELATED MANUFACTURING METHOD AND MOULD

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 08/951,672 as originally filed on October 16, 1997, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. ☒ Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.
3. ☐ Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 1.22(b)(2)(B)(i).
4. ☐ Cancel Claims \_\_\_\_.
5. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
6. ☒ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 5 above.

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$710	\$ \$710.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	6	-	20	0	x \$18	0.00
Independent Claims	1	-	3	0	x \$80	0.00
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Subtotal						\$ 710.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						-
TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$ 710.00

7. ☒ A check in the amount of \$710.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

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8. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
9. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the following new paragraph:  
 This is a ☐ continuation ☒ division of application Serial No. 08/951,672, filed October 16, 1997 which is incorporated herein by reference.
10. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.
11. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: PIRELLI COORDINAMENTO PNEUMATICI S.p.A.
12. ☒ Priority of application Serial No. MI96/A 002157, filed on October 18, 1996 in Italy is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy  
☐ is enclosed or ☒ is on file in the prior application.
13. ☐ A verified statement claiming small entity status  
☐ is enclosed or ☐ is on file in the prior application.
14. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F. Farabow, Jr., Reg. No. 20,630; Arthur S. Garrett, Reg. No. 20,338; Donald R. Dunner, Reg. No. 19,073; Brian G. Brunsvold, Reg. No. 22,593; Tipton D. Jennings, IV, Reg. No. 20,645; Jerry D. Voight, Reg. No. 23,020; Laurence R. Heffer, Reg. No. 20,827; Kenneth E. Payne, Reg. No. 23,098; Herbert H. Mintz, Reg. No. 26,691; C. Larry O'Rourke, Reg. No. 26,014; Albert J. Santorelli, Reg. No. 22,610; Michael C. Elmer, Reg. No. 25,857; Richard H. Smith, Reg. No. 20,609; Stephen L. Peterson, Reg. No. 26,325; John M. Romary, Reg. No. 26,331; Bruce C. Zotter, Reg. No. 27,680; Dennis P. O'Reilly, Reg. No. 27,932; Allen M. Sokal, Reg. No. 26,695; Robert D. Bajefsky, Reg. No. 25,387; Richard L. Stroup, Reg. No. 28,478; David W. Hill, Reg. No. 28,220; Thomas L. Irving, Reg. No. 28,619; Charles E. Lipsey, Reg. No. 28,165; Thomas W. Winland, Reg. No. 27,605; Basil J. Lewris, Reg. No. 28,818; Martin I. Fuchs, Reg. No. 28,508; E. Robert Yoches, Reg. No. 30,120; Barry W. Graham, Reg. No. 29,924; Susan Haberman Griffen, Reg. No. 30,907; Richard B. Racine, Reg. No. 30,415; Thomas H. Jenkins, Reg. No. 30,857; Robert E. Converse, Jr., Reg. No. 27,432; Clair X. Mullen, Jr., Reg. No. 20,348; Christopher P. Foley, Reg. No. 31,354; John C. Paul, Reg. No. 30,413; David M. Kelly, Reg. No. 30,953; Kenneth J. Meyers, Reg. No. 25,146;

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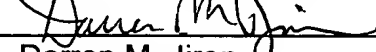
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15. ☒ The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
16. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
17. ☒ Please address all correspondence to FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT and DUNNER, L.L.P., 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3315, **Customer Number 22,852.**
18. ☐ Recognize as associate attorney \_\_\_\_\_
19. ☒ Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and a Request for Approval of Drawing Change

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION.** If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, serial no. 08/951,672, filed October 16, 1997, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

Dated: September 25, 2001

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,  
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By:   
Darren M. Jiron  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Romano GUERMANDI ) Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
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Rule 53(b) Divisional of Application ) Examiner: Not yet assigned  
Serial No.: 08/951,672 )  
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Filed: September 25, 2001 )  
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For: MOLD FOR VULCANIZING A TIRE )  
HAVING A SPECIFIED BELT )  
PROFILE IN THE ABSENCE OF )  
LOAD AND INFLATING )  
PRESSURE (as amended) )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

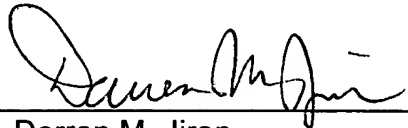
**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGE**

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Fig. 3 in the above-captioned application be amended by adding the legend --Prior Art--. The changes are indicated in red on the attached copies of the originally filed drawings.

Upon approval of the proposed changes, Applicant respectfully requests that the submission of revised drawings be deferred until after a notice of allowance has issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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